

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Agency 118

Commission on Hispanic Affairs

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2003-05 Expenditure Authority	1.8	413		413
Total Maintenance Level	1.8	449		449
Difference		36		36
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	8.7%		8.7%
Performance Changes				
General Inflation		(2)		(2)
Addressing Disparity Issues	1.2	157		157
Subtotal	1.2	155		155
Total Proposed Budget	3.0	604		604
Difference	1.2	191		191
Percent Change from Current Biennium	66.7%	46.2%		46.2%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Advocacy and Coordination of Hispanic Community Issues	3.0	604		604
Total Proposed Budget	3.0	604		604

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Addressing Disparity Issues

The Commission on Hispanic Affairs is responsible for articulating the unique health, educational, social, and economic issues of the Hispanic community, and making recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and state agencies with respect to these issues. In 2005-07, a policy analyst will work closely with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Latino Education Achievement Project, and the Academic Achievement and Accountability Commission to improve the educational levels of Hispanic youth. In addition, the policy analyst will help coordinate a state convention on education to address education disparities and the special challenges posed by the Washington Assessment of Student Learning. This work will be done in collaboration with other minority commissions.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Advocacy and Coordination of Hispanic Community Issues

The Commission on Hispanic Affairs provides advice and information to the Governor, Legislature, and state and local agencies to promote and advocate for the rights and needs of Hispanics in Washington State. Particular emphasis is given to equal opportunity in education, housing, health, and economic development. To define the issues of importance to Hispanics, the Commission holds public meetings with the community six times each year, meets with community groups on an ad hoc basis, and develops networks with groups that serve the Hispanic population.